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29 September 2021

Dear Consultee,

**Consultation on amendments to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 as applied to groundwater activities and related surface water discharge activities**

We are writing to invite your views on nine proposed amendments to the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016 as applied to groundwater activities and some related surface water discharge activities.

This consultation is being carried out by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and will be open from Wednesday 29 September to Wednesday 22 December 2021.

You can view the consultation on GOV.UK here: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water-quality/amendments-to-the-epr-for-groundwater>

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a hard copy of the consultation documents, please email: [EPRamendments2021@defra.gov.uk](mailto:EPRamendments2021@defra.gov.uk).

## Responses

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space using the link above (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool).

Responses or additional information or supporting documents can also be sent by email to [EPRamendments2021@defra.gov.uk](mailto:EPRamendments2021@defra.gov.uk), or by post to:



Consultation on Amendments to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales)  
Regulations 2016  
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Responses should be received by Wednesday 22 December 2021.

A summary of responses to this consultation will be published on the government website at: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). The summary will include a list of organisations that responded **but not** personal names, addresses or other contact details. Further details regarding confidentiality and data protection are provided at the end of this letter.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully,

The Groundwater Policy Team, Floods and Water Directorate  
**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

## Confidentiality and data protection

A summary of responses to this consultation will be published on the Government website at: [www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra). An annex to the consultation summary will list all organisations that responded but will not include personal names, addresses or other contact details.

Defra may publish the content of your response to this consultation to make it available to the public without your personal name and private contact details (e.g. home address, email address, etc).

If you click on 'Yes' in response to the question asking if you would like anything in your response to be kept confidential, you are asked to state clearly what information you would like to be kept as confidential and explain your reasons for confidentiality. The reason for this is that information in responses to this consultation may be subject to release to the public or other parties in accordance with the access to information law (these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)). We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances. In view of this, your explanation of your reasons for requesting confidentiality for all or part of your response would help us balance these obligations for disclosure against any obligation of confidentiality. If we receive a request for the information that you have provided in your response to this consultation, we will take full account of your reasons for requesting confidentiality of your response, but we cannot guarantee that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

If you click on 'No' in response to the question asking if you would like anything in your response to be kept confidential, we will be able to release the content of your response to the public, but we won't make your personal name and private contact details publicly available.

There may be occasions when Defra will share the information you provide in response to the consultation, including any personal data with external analysts. This is for the purposes of consultation response analysis and provision of a report of the summary of responses only.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office "Consultation Principles" and be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>.

Please find our latest privacy notice uploaded as a related document alongside our consultation document.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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